



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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SEMA's Homepage: sema.dps.mo.gov

MEPA/SEMA Spring Conference Set for March 27-30

Spring Conference Coordinator, Cathy Zumwalt reported 380 people and 38 exhibitors have registered to attend the 17th Annual Spring Conference at Osage Beach. This conference is a learning and networking tool for elected officials, emergency management directors, emergency responders (hazmat, fire, law and medical), volunteer agency representatives, and state agency emergency response personnel.

The registration fee of \$135 may be mailed to MEPA Conference Account, P. O. Box 104553, Jefferson City, MO 65110 or paid at the registration desk at the conference. The conference fee covers conference handouts, conference breaks, Monday lunch, Tuesday lunch, Tuesday night's banquet, and Wednesday continental breakfast.

Missouri Receives \$2,447,211 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant

Missouri will receive a \$2,447,211 buffer zone protection grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This grant will be used to protect and secure areas surrounding critical infrastructure and key resource sites such as chemical facilities, dams, and nuclear plants in Missouri. The Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) provides targeted funding through states to local jurisdictions to purchase equipment that will extend the zone of protection beyond the gates of these critical facilities.

Missouri submitted the BZPP application to the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP). The Missouri sites have already been selected by DHS and work is in progress on the plans. Once ODP approves Missouri's application, identified local jurisdictions are required to complete a BZPP plan for each site and to develop Vulnerability Reduction Purchase Plan by June 1.

SEMA's Spring Newsletters Posted to Homepage

The Spring SEMA Newsletter, Mitigation Newsletter, and MERC Newsletter have been posted to the main white section of the SEMA homepage: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov>. Feature articles in the different newsletters include: conference information, training opportunities and HazMat information.

ODP Announces Firefighter Grants (Rounds 37, 38)

The Office of Domestic Preparedness announced 3 Missouri Fire Departments received FY'04 Firefighter assistance grants. Departments receiving grants for Firefighting Vehicles are: Knob Noster FD \$247,500; and Morrison VFD \$161,351. Departments receiving grants for Operations and Firefighter Safety are: Clever \$71,690.

2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Applications Accepted

The 2005 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Application Period is accepting applications until April 8, 2005. Interested Fire Departments can download program equipment guidance, work through and application tutorial, and apply for a grant on-line at www.firegrantsupport.com

EPA Offers Financial Help for Earth Day 2005

Financial assistance to help communities celebrate Earth Day 2005 and throughout the year in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska is available from EPA Region 7. Earth Day 2005 is April 22. Region 7 is accepting proposals from local agencies, state agencies, environmental groups and not-for-profit organizations. Proposals should range from \$500 to \$2,500. Proposals are due by Friday, March 18. Recipients will be notified by late spring. Instructions and criteria can be obtained by email from Denise Morrison at morrison.denise@epa.gov or (800) 223-0425.

CERT Training Curriculum Updated

The Community Emergency Response (CERT) Training Committee met at the State Emergency Operation Center on March 2nd to finalize the CERT training program curriculum. The committee is made up of the state level instructors normally tasked with teaching the Train-the-Trainer courses throughout the state. The committee was tasked with improving the CERT training material delivered to the citizens of the state and the Train-the-Trainer course to enhance the training received by the CERT training cadre.

This project is being accomplished through a partnership with the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MUFRTI) and SEMA. The course participant manuals should be available for purchase through the Department of Corrections print shop by the end of March. The instructor guides will be available at the same time from the training section at SEMA. - Jim Charrier SEMA, State Training Officer

NWS Offers Storm Spotter Classes in April 2005

| St. Louis Office | | April 7 | 6:30 p.m., Alton |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| April 2 | 9 a.m., Hazelwood | April 12 | 6:30 p.m., Pulaski County |
| April 7 | 7 p.m., Jefferson City | Pleasant Hill Office | |
| April 9 | 9 a.m., Ferguson | April 5 | 7:00 p.m., Savannah |
| Springfield Office | | April 7 | 7:00 p.m. Marshall (tentative) |
| April 6 | 6:30 p.m., Lebanon | April 9 | 7:00 p.m., Clinton |

Downloadable Grants Handbook Available

The Homeland Defense Journal magazine February 2005 issue features expanded coverage of Grants and a forecast for 2005. A 20-page Grants Handbook in PDF file can be download at no charge from www.homelanddefensejournal.com. The link to the handbook is at the top right banner. The Grants Handbook includes lessons-learned, tips and practical advice for your grants writing team. Homeland Defense Journal magazine is free to government managers and decision-makers. To subscribe go to www.homelanddefensejournal.com.

Missouri Environmental Emergency Response Tracking System

By Alan J. Reinkemeyer, DNR Environmental Manager - Section Chief

Editor's note: *The Missouri Department of Natural Resources Environmental Response Section staffs a 24 -hour spill reporting telephone line.*

Wanting to find out if any reports of hazardous substance releases have been made at a particular facility or location? This information is available on the web at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/meerts/index.do>. Under the Missouri Spill Bill (260.500 – 260.550 RSMo) responsible parties/spillers are required to report releases of hazardous substances to the MDNR 24-Hour Environmental Emergency Response (EER) Telephone Line (573-634-2436). However, the majority of the reported releases come from emergency

responders first on scene. The department wishes to acknowledge and thank the emergency response community for involving EER in the early notification process.

MDNR EER Duty Officers provide technical assistance regarding the chemical and necessary cleanup actions, work with the spiller to ensure proper cleanup is completed and impact to the local community is minimized, conduct notifications to various agencies, and determine if an on-site response is needed by an MDNR EER On-Scene Coordinator.

MDNR Duty Officer completes an EER Incident Report on each incident. Once the report is finalized, it is made available on the referenced web link. The web link allows users to search the reports via county, date reported, incident cause (leaking underground storage tank, vehicular accident, etc.), property use (railroad, convenience Store, etc.) or medium affected (soil, river/creek, etc.). For more information concerning MEERTS feel free to contact Kristi Rydman at (573) 526-3349.

IS-700 The NIMS Introductory Course

Last September when the Secretary of Homeland Security sent a letter to the nation's governors, he outlined a series of steps that must be taken and actions that should be taken in FY 2005 to become compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Specifically the letter said that state, territorial, tribal and local level jurisdictions should support NIMS implementation by completing the NIMS awareness course National Incident Management System, An Introduction – IS 700. This independent study course explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The Secretary clearly intended to provide discretion to state, territorial, tribal and local governments in deciding who should take the course.

As further guidance, the NIMS Integration Center encourages all emergency personnel with a direct role in emergency preparedness, incident management or response to take the NIMS course by Oct. 1, 2005. The class is offered free-of-charge through the Emergency Management Institute at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>.

Who Should Take The NIMS Course in FY'05?

Executive Level - Political and government leaders, agency and organization administrators and department heads; personnel that fill ICS roles as Unified Commanders, Incident Commanders, Command Staff, General Staff in either Area Command or single incidents; senior level Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel; senior emergency managers; and Emergency Operations Center Command or General Staff.

Managerial Level - Agency and organization management between the executive level and first level supervision; personnel who fill ICS roles as Branch Directors, Division/Group Supervisors, Unit Leaders, technical specialists, strike team and task force leaders, single resource leaders and field supervisors; midlevel Multi-Agency Coordination System personnel; EOC Section Chiefs, Branch Directors, Unit Leaders; and other emergency management/response personnel who require a higher level of ICS/NIMS Training.

Responder Level - Emergency response providers and disaster workers, entry level to managerial level including Emergency Medical Service personnel; firefighters; medical personnel; police officers; public health personnel; public works/utility personnel; and other emergency management response personnel.

The NIMS introductory course very likely will be required in FY'06 for state, territorial, tribal and local personnel who have emergency assignments at any level of government. Full NIMS compliance is required by September 30, 2006. **NOTE:** DHS will address participant access delays to the course.